

Minutes from NAPS General Meeting #5

November 18, 2010

Attendance: 42

6:35 PM: Meeting called to order by Dean Ambrosino

Moment of silence for veterans

Pledge of allegiance by Alan Conca

Norma Johnson gave treasurer's report.

Rebecca Brown gave secretary's report.

Pamela Monroe gave legislative report including an update on proposed legislative recom-

mendations by the deficit commission appointed by President Obama. These changes include a 10% reduction in federal govt. workforce, a three year salary freeze, and retirement annuity based on high five instead of high three. California, republican, Representative Issa, is taking over chairmanship of the Government Reform Committee. He has proposed downsizing the number of post offices and management positions.

Dean recognized Jay Killackey, Cy Dumas, and Frank Hamm who was here from Branch 118.

Dean announced that he is submitting an article he wrote to the "Postal Supervisor" on what can get you fired. He said a supervisor in our district has been caught changing clock rings to make it look like his carriers were back in the office by 5:00. We have been warned about changing clock rings many times and the MSPB judges are fed up with us because we continue to do this.

Break for dinner at 6:55 PM.

Dean introduced Jay Killackey, Naps, National Vice President.

He said as bad as it is in the field, it is even worse in Washington. We are close to not making payroll. The estimated 7 billion dollar deficit has increased to an estimated 8.5 billion dollars. The postal service hired an outside firm to evaluate executive salaries and their conclusion was that postal executives are underpaid. Federal employees pay 30% of their benefits. Postal employees pay 23%. It has been proposed that we increase our contribution to 30%. Congressman Issa believes that we need to downsize our workforce by 200,000 employees which is 1/3 of our total number. The only people in Washington that know how the postal service works is the congressional commission. The rest of congress believes we still receive funds from the government. This is one of the reasons that next years LTS is so important. The democrats that supported the postal service are no longer the majority.

Jay believes that our new Postmaster General, Pat Donahoe, is a good man. He is a friend to NAPS. In closing, Jay urged everyone to take time for their families and to enjoy the holidays.

Dean asked Cy to come up and say a few words.

Cy said that the Boston District has 37 level 17s affected by SWCS with only 26 spots for them to land. Jordan Small may be in Providence next week. Cy believes the new area VP “knows his stuff.”

Joann Keeling presented the changes to the by-laws that were not voted on at the last meeting. There was discussion on changing the number of yearly general meetings from 5 to 4. This did not pass. The number remains at 5.

There was discussion on a motion to raise our local membership dues whenever NAPS HQ raises dues. This was passed.

Other motions that were passed:

Old Art. 2 Sec. 2 is now Sec.3.

Addition to Sec. 4C: Any member nominated for an office that is not present at the meeting must submit in writing within 10 days a letter to the president accepting or refusing the nomination.

A new budget committee was appointed by Dean: Norma Johnson
Betty Disalvia
Sue Evans

Audit committee also appointed: Jeanne Delsesto
Carol Fish
Alan Conca
Dave Girard (alternate)

Alan Conca talked about Foxwoods trip being planned for April 2, 2011.

John Peters won \$120.00 in the 50/50 raffle and donated it back to SPAC.

Five \$20.00 dollar gift certificates were raffled for Stop and Shop. They were won by Dan Guenette, Cy Dumas, Michaela Saccoccio, and John Rachlow. John won two and Cy donated his to John Peters.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Brown
Secretary Branch 105